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Our Case No. 10512/41

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Everts et al.)	
Serial No. 10/666,924)	Examiner N. Kaman
Filing Date September 19, 2003)	Group Art Unit No. 3747
For OPERATOR CARRIED POWER)	
TOOL HAVING A FOUR-CYCLE)	
ENGINE AND AN ENGINE)	
LUBRICATION METHOD)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit new claims 14-19 as follows:

In the Claims:

Original claims 1-7 have been cancelled.

Please add new claims 14-19. A complete listing of the claims is set forth below with proper claim identifiers.

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Attorney Docket No: 10512/41

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Attached is/are:

Preliminary Amendment
 Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

No additional fee is required.
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A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
 Payment by credit card in the amount of \$____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Mallin (Reg. No. 35,596)